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1. Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au développement

Special, 2006

Introduction

Founded in 1994, Agence d'aide à la coopération technique et au developpement (ACTED), is based in France. It was created to contribute to the eradication of poverty by actively supporting and helping vulnerable populations during periods of transition and upheaval. ACTED is active in 32 countries and implements over 380 projects a year reaching over 18 million beneficiaries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACTED's vision is to establish a link between emergency, rehabilitation, and development. In order to guarantee sustainability of interventions carried out during crises, ACTED engages in a long-term support to break the poverty cycle and aid populations on their way to development.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, ACTED established an office in Geneva, Switzerland, to ensure regular participation in United Nations meetings.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In 2010, ACTED participated in weekly Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) meetings, various cluster meetings, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and World Food Programme (WFP) annual partners' meetings, Consolidated Appeals Processes (CAPs), and Flash Appeal launches, among others. ACTED is a member of the Needs Assessment Task Force and actively participates in Multi-Cluster Initial and Rapid Assessment (MIRA) meetings.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

ACTED is implementing numerous United Nations agency-funded projects. United Nations funding for ACTED in 2013 amounted to 42 million USD. In 2010, ACTED and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and its Operational Satellite Applications Programme, UNOSAT, jointly set up REACH to facilitate the development of information tools and products that enhance the capacity of aid actors to make evidence-based decisions in emergency, recovery, and development contexts.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACTED focuses on eradicating extreme poverty and hunger as well as reducing child mortality. ACTED organizes the annual Convergences Worldforum in Paris, France. Convergences aims to build new alliances between public, private, and solidarity-based actors to promote the MDGs and alleviate poverty and privation, bringing together a network of over 200 partners from a variety of sectors.

2. Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme

Special consultative status: 1998

Introduction

Agir ensemble pour les droits de l'homme (AEDH) is an international solidarity NGO committed to the defence and promotion of fundamental rights. It supports projects in 30 countries of the South and East.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The AEDH mandate is to promote the rights and freedoms enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other enactments. AEDH promotes the growth and development of local associations or advocacy groups that act to defend and promote civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights and participate in democratic development. AEDH provides local associations with financial, material or technical support.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AEDH strives to interest its local partners in United Nations activities and encourages them to make greater use of legal instruments and international procedures for the protection of human rights. AEDH acts as a technical assistant to its field partners seeking advice on how to collaborate with United Nations bodies. AEDH serves as a relay between the United Nations and local associations, which tend to be small and are sometimes isolated and working in difficult environments.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AEDH does a periodic follow-up of the various sessions of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland. AEDH promotes the participation of representatives of its field partners in Human Rights Council sessions; it had them participate in the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 18th, 21st and 24th sessions of the Council and made an oral statement each year.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Close co-operation has been established with representatives of the human rights offices in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Mauritania. In March-April 2012, AEDH organized an "international advocacy mission" bringing together representatives of local organizations engaged in the defence of women's rights in Mauritania. It held meetings with officials of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture, the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders, the Special Rapporteur on human rights, and the Gender Unit of the United Nations Human Rights Council.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the period covered by its report, AEDH did not develop any initiatives specifically related to the Millennium Development Goals, but did accord particular importance to the achievement of Goal 3. It took a particular interest in the promotion of women's rights in Mauritania and in legal assistance to women victims of sexual violence in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo through the multi-year action programmes implemented.

3. Amman Center for Human Rights Studies

Special, 2006

Introduction

Founded in Jordan in 1999, the Amman Center for Human Rights Studies (ACHRS) is an independent, regional, scientific advocacy centre for research and training on issues pertaining to human rights and democracy.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ACHRS aims to strengthen civil society in Jordan and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). The main objectives are to educate the Arab public to their legal, political and civil rights; review local laws and legislation to ensure compatibility with international principles and standards; expand and develop institutional and organizational capacities; and establish and empower human rights networks at the local, regional, and international level.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ACHRS has organized conferences, seminars, discussion groups, and lectures and has published books, periodicals and articles on human rights issues. In October 2013, ACHRS and other Jordanian human rights organizations submitted the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on Jordan. ACHRS has also helped numerous Iraqi NGO networks prepare and submit their UPR report. In February 2010, ACHRS, in cooperation with the United Nations Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), held a briefing session on the UPR in Amman, Jordan, for Republic of Iraq Government officials.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

ACHRS attended every session of the Human Rights Council during the reporting period and several sessions of the UPR. ACHRS also participated in the 100th Session of the Human Rights Committee.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

During the week of the 7th UPR Session in February 2010, ACHRS organized a meeting with Iraqi NGOs and the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees

(UNHCR), as well as a meeting with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ACHRS established the Jordanian Institute's Program For Women Leaders (ProJoWLe) in cooperation with Foundation for the Future and Finn Church Aid. The project provides training to build participants' skills for participation in elections as candidates or as campaigners for other women and pro-women's rights candidates. The programme was carried out in Jordan and Libya. During the reporting period, ACHRS conducted awareness-raising campaigns including 74 training programmes and workshops, with over 1,360 participants, focused on the MDGs and various international human rights agreements.

4. Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network

Special, 2002

Introduction

The Asian Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Network (AITPN) was created to promote and protect the rights of indigenous and tribal peoples in Asia. AITPN's headquarters are in New Delhi, India.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AITPN aims to provide accurate and timely information to national human rights institutions, the United Nations and its specialised mechanisms; conduct research, campaign and lobby on country situations or individual cases; lead trainings for indigenous peoples' rights activists and community leaders; provide input into international standard-setting processes on the rights of indigenous peoples; and undertake programmes to secure the economic, social and cultural rights of indigenous peoples through rights-based approaches to development.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

AITPN submitted a stakeholder's report to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) on India in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AITPN contributed to the debate in all Human Rights Council sessions during the reporting period. AITPN also contributed to the work of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) during the 9th-13th sessions.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AITPN submitted its comments and contributions to various studies undertaken by the United Nations Human Rights mechanisms on the rights of

indigenous peoples. AITPN further contributed to the preparation of "The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: A Manual for National Human Rights Institutions" published by the Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, August 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AITPN has been monitoring the inclusion of indigenous peoples in various government programmes to achieve the MDGs. AITPN's interventions with the National Human Rights Commission of India led to realisation of the right to food of the primitive tribal groups in Tripura State of India and implementation of the Forest Rights Act of India. AITPN has been ensuring implementation of the right to education programmes for tribes in India.

5. Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies

Special, 1998

Introduction

The Association of Interbalkan Women's Cooperation Societies (AIWCS) is an international organization covering the Balkan countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Inspired by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), AIWCS aspires to disseminate the ideals of the culture of peace throughout the Balkan region, with a focus on the family, child protection, and advancement of women.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the reporting period, AIWCS, with UNESCO and the UNESCO Centre for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries organized and participated in the following activities:

- International Youth Creative Summer Camp, August 2011 and 2012, Halkidiki, Greece;
- Regional Training Seminar titled "Gender Equality and the Media", 27 November - 4 December 2011, Thessaloniki, Greece;
- "Women's Empowerment towards Equality" Conference, organized by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, 7 April 2012, Nicosia, Cyprus; and
- International Conference IV: YOUth and MUSEums, 27 June-1 July 2012, Golesti, Romania.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AIWCS participated in meetings convened in collaboration with UNESCO, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women), United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, and United Nations World Tourism Organization.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

The AIWCS, in partnership with UNESCO Centre for Women and Peace in the Balkan Countries and the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO, organized the following activities:

- "National History Museums in South-East Europe: Learning History, building shared memories" Conference, 18-19 October 2010, Thessaloniki, Greece; and
- First Symposium of UNESCO's Associated Schools Project Network (ASPnet) — Prefecture of Macedonia — Thrace, 28 November 2013, Thessaloniki, Greece.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization led a two-year action programme titled "Action for Social Medicine and Activities for Promoting the Role of Women in the Business and Work Sector", funded by the General Secretariat for Gender Equality in Greece, as well as a 18-month action programme titled "Deliver Pre-school Alternative Services" financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

6. Biopolitics International Organisation

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Biopolitics International Organisation (BIO) is an environmental NGO founded in Athens, Greece, in 1985 with members in 165 countries. BIO promotes global environmental sustainability and contributes to international environmental awareness and education and the MDGs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization works to promote the environment as a vehicle for peace; ensure an economic and technological development that support the environment; promote a new vision for climate change adaptation and sustainable development; and establish a World Referendum for the support of life on our planet.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2010, BIO signed a memorandum of cooperation with the Vienna Economic Forum. Additionally, 20 additional countries joined the BIO network since 2009.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

In contribution to the work of the United Nations, BIO:

- hosted a roundtable on water cooperation at the Athens Money Show, 21 December 2012;
- sponsored a conference on Contemporary Water Realities, Athens, 15 November 2012;
- led E-learning courses on climate change, action for sustainable energy, safeguarding the world's forests, food and agriculture, sustainable urban planning, and MDGs;
- delivered a speech at the International Women's Day 2012 Conference, Athens, 8 March 2012; and
- organized a conference on "Greener Europe — Greener World? Preparing for the 2012 Rio Summit on Sustainable Development", Brussels, Belgium, 23 March 2011.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

BIO participated in the United Nations Human Settlements Programme's (UN-Habitat) 6th World Urban Forum, Naples, Italy, 2012. It also assisted a lecture by Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization, Athens, 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, the President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Standing Committee on United Nations Affairs becomes executive member of BIO. Additionally, BIO is Honorary President for Life of the United Nations Association of Sri Lanka.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The following BIO initiatives support MDGs 1, 7 and 8:

- E-learning programme on Environmental Education for Sustainable Development, Turkey, 2010;
- International Conference of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan on Transboundary Environmental Problems of Central Asia, 2010;
- Lectures at the School of Young Leaders; and
- Memorandum of cooperation between BIO and the Institute of African Research Studies at Cairo University, 2012.

7. Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement

Special consultative status: 2010

Introduction

The Centre d'accompagnement des alternatives locales de développement durable (CAALD) is an organization for participatory development, whose goal is to promote integrated participatory development among indigenous peoples.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The goals of the organization are to promote economic, social and cultural development initiatives by the Pygmies and local populations; to promote advocacy and lobbying by the Baka with respect to development actions; and to derive added value from forest products and Pygmy folklore.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

During the 2010-2013 period, CAALD kept up its facilitation and support actions on behalf of country-dwellers in economic and social matters and in the fields of health, education, culture, the environment and human rights, and continued its efforts to give effect to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

The organization participates in the meetings of the following United Nations agencies and submits projects to them: the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, the International Labour Office (ILO) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), among others.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2010, CAALD cooperated with the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to maintain and rehabilitate drinking water wells. In 2011, the CAALD submitted a concept note in support of citizenship to the United Nations Democracy Fund. In 2012, the CAALD provided support for the empowerment of women's organizations to ensure the social protection of girls and women affected by forms of violence in Messamena, Cameroon, in collaboration with the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Initiatives have been undertaken in many areas related to the Millennium Development Goals.

8. China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation

Special, 2006

Introduction

China Association for International Science and Technology Cooperation (CAISTC) serves as an international platform for science and technology communities to enhance friendly exchanges and cooperation. CAISTC's main clients are government agencies, NGOs, and science-based enterprises in China.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CAISTC is a NGO that conducts research on international science and technology cooperation policies of specific countries and prepares policy proposals for competent authorities; organizes cooperation activities, training courses; and provides a platform and advisory services for Chinese enterprises, research institutions, and their foreign partners to develop and expand collaborations.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CAISTC co-organized the biennial International Symposium on Integrated Sustainable Development in Mountain Areas, Lin'an, China, 21-24 September 2010 and 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CAISTC presented a submission on the global development agenda for the 2013 Economic and Social Council High-level Segment stating that global development partnership based on equality and mutual benefits is key for realising the MDGs and suggesting a change in the existing international institutions to push forward the post-2015 development agenda, April 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CAISTC has taken part in the organization of many activities for developing countries on a variety of topics such as agriculture, energy, environment protection, and medicine. CAISTC co-organized with Feng-tai International Business Incubator (IBI) annual international training workshops, using trainees recruited from developing countries. CAISTC also attended and addressed the Chinese IBI network annual meetings, including the 5th Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Business Incubation Meeting to co-launch the APEC Co-incubation Network in Xi'an, China.

Since 2010, CAISTC has participated in an Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) project on Governance of International Cooperation on Science, Technology and Industry for Global Challenges (STIG). The project aims to address global economic and social challenges and identifies international cooperation, science, technology and innovation as essential means to resolve the problems effectively.

9. China Education Association for International Exchange

Special, 2006

Introduction

Founded in 1981 with its headquarters in Beijing, China, the China Education Association for International Exchange (CEAIE) conducts international education exchanges.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CEAIE delivers programmes and services to address educational development in China.

Significant changes in the organization

In 2011, CEAIE became a member of the United Nations Academic Impact initiative. In 2012, the President of CEAIE was elected as the President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

The organization submitted the following documents during the reporting period, as a contribution to the work of the United Nations:

- Report on Safeguarding the Rights of Disadvantaged Groups to Education in China to the Human Rights Council, February 2013;
- Report on Bilingual Education in Ethnic Minority Areas to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, June 2013; and
- 2012 Department of Public Information (DPI) Annual Review of its activities, 16 January 2013.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

CEAIE attended the following meetings during the reporting period:

- 63rd and 64th DPI/NGO Annual Conference, Australia, 30 August-1 September 2010 and Germany, 3-5 September 2011, respectively;
- United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), 20-22 June 2012; CEAIE delivered a speech on the "Importance of an Informal Mechanism beyond Rio — A Commitment from China's Civil Society", highlighting the importance of including civil society and the private sector in policy dialogues, programme design, and interventions pertaining to sustainable development;

- United Nations Academic Impact Conference: 1-2 September 2010, Shanghai, China; and
- Informal Interactive Hearings of the General Assembly with NGOs, civil society organizations and the private sector; CEAIE presented a report on "MDGs in China: Goal Met, Progress Making", New York, 14-15 June 2010.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CEAIE actively participated in seminars, forums, exhibitions, and other activities organized by Chinese NGOs, such as United Nations Association of China and China NGO Network for International Exchanges (CNIE). During the International Mother Language Day in 2010, 2011, and 2012, the organization advocated for culture and linguistic diversity and disseminating international norms and practices in mother language education in China.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2000, CEAIE has organized the China Annual Conference for International Education, a leading platform for idea and policy consultation on education. It also conducted teacher trainings for under-developed regions of China; students and teachers exchanges; and the Higher Education Leadership Program.

10. Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance

Special, 2010

Introduction

Community Development Volunteers for Technical Assistance Cameroon (CDVTA) is Cameroon's leading care and support organization for older people. CDVTA works in over 300 remote disadvantaged communities of Cameroon, with headquarters in the North West region of Bamenda, Cameroun.

Aims and purposes of the organization

CDVTA advocates for rights, friendly communities, positive ageing, social inclusion, welfare, and improved livelihoods for the elderly.

Significant changes in the organization

Since 2010, CDVTA has become affiliated the International Federation on Ageing (IFA) and the Commonwealth Association for the Ageing (CommonAge). CDVTA is also a member of the African Society for Ageing Research and Development (ASARD).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

CDVTA undertook a project on "Realizing rights and improving livelihoods of the elderly in rural communities". In May 2010, CDVTA took part in the Expert Meeting on the Rights of Older Persons organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). In July 2010, CDVTA joined the United Nations in Cameroon in endorsing a national policy on ageing for Cameroon.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CDVTA collaborated with OHCHR in Cameroon and the United Nations Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa on several events in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CDVTA has improved the capacity of over 20,000 elderly to meet their survival needs through increased income from organic farming and gardening, petty trading, bee-keeping, goat rearing, and light production. 27 schools have received new classrooms, toilets and benches, as part of an education promotion initiative. 259 volunteers carry out regular home visits and sensitisation on HIV/AIDS in the communities. Participation of the elderly in democratic processes and governance has improved markedly, providing them with national identification cards, organizing elderly conventions, and rights-advocacy events.

11. Conectas Direitos Humanos

Special, 2006

Introduction

Conectas Direitos Humanos (Conectas) was founded in 2001 in Brazil to promote respect for human rights and contribute to the consolidation of the rule of law in the Global South.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Conectas works for a more just world, where human rights are respected and national institutions and the international order are more transparent, effective, and democratic.

Significant changes in the organization

Conectas established a permanent presence in Geneva, Switzerland, in 2010; received new and increased institutional funding; and expanded its international and domestic programmes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Conectas has contributed to developing international human rights standards and increased its engagement with Member States. The organization has contributed to the work of the United Nations through information/research, capacity-building and advocacy initiatives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

During the reporting period, Conectas attended the following meetings:

- all Human Rights Council sessions; it convened side events; delivered statements; issued Urgent Appeals to Special Procedures; and contributed to Universal Periodic Reviews (UPRs);
- all sessions of the Forum on Business and Human Rights;
- consultations led by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on the Treaty Body strengthening process in 2011;
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime meetings in Vienna, Austria, 2012, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2013: Conectas took part in the process to reform the Standard Minimum Rules for Treatment of Prisoners by submitting a written contribution; and
- the annual General Assembly dialogue on Responsibility to Protect, 2013.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Connects co-organized a Regional Consultation for the Special Rapporteur on Torture, Chile, 2011. It contributed to the preparatory visit of the Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture in 2011. Additionally, it encouraged Brazil to ratify the Arms Trade Treaty and the United Nations Convention on Migrant Workers.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

In 2010, Conectas published an issue of Sur Journal on the MDGs. During the reporting period, Conectas worked toward MDGs 5 and 6 by contributing to increase access to medicines, especially those to combat HIV/AIDS, and improving the detention conditions for women, with a special focus on pregnant inmates.

12. Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service

Special, 1970

Introduction

Founded in 1948, under the aegis of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Coordinating Committee for International Voluntary Service (CCIVS) is a coordinating body for international voluntary service (IVS) organizations. It counts over 180 member associations in more than 80 countries, including two international networks and several regional structures and platforms. CCIVS is based at UNESCO headquarters in Paris, France.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The objectives of CCIVS are to promote and develop the voluntary service movement on the national, regional and international levels; provide effective coordination of the activities of CCIVS members; facilitate discussion and reflection on the aims of international voluntary service and its impact on the volunteers, the community and the world; encourage good relations and cooperation

with other voluntary service organizations, other NGOs, and with youth and student organizations that share similar objectives; and cooperate and contribute to the implementation of programmes and initiatives of the United Nations, particularly UNESCO.

Significant changes in the organization

The organization was restructured in 2011 after the creation of the White Paper for International Voluntary Service, which set out the vision of the IVS movement for 2011-2021 and redefined the thematic areas of action of CCIVS.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

No contribution was specified.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

CCIVS is a general coordinator of the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) initiative in cooperation with the World Heritage Centre, 2008-2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

CCIVS is part of the Post 2015 Volunteer Working Group aimed at scaling-up efforts to make the impact of volunteering more visible in the post-2015 process.

13. Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers

Special, 2010

Introduction

Eco-TIRAS International Environmental Association of River Keepers (Eco-TIRAS) is a NGO promoting environmental conservation in the transboundary region shared by Moldova and Ukraine. It is currently composed of 51 environmental NGOs.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Eco-TIRAS works to improve the environment in the Dniester River Basin and conserve and use wisely its natural resources by implementing sustainable development principles in river basin management.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Eco-TIRAS was involved in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe's (UNECE) climate change adaptation project and helped in its strategy development. Currently Eco-TIRAS is engaged in sustained lobbying for the ratification of the trans-boundary Dniester Treaty that was signed by Moldova and Ukraine in 2012.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Eco-TIRAS participated in five UNECE Aarhus Convention Working Group meetings; Aarhus Meeting of the Parties (MOP) in 2011; and in the MOP of UNECE Water Convention in Rome, Italy, 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Eco-TIRAS closely cooperates with UNECE in Geneva, Switzerland.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Eco-TIRAS undertook a project on the implementation of UNECE Water and Health Protocol for Moldova. It supported the establishment of target dates within the framework of the Protocol. The organization published a monograph on Adaptation of transboundary Dniester River basin to climate change.

14. Egyptian Organization for Human Rights

Special, 2006

Introduction

The Egyptian Organization for Human Rights (EOHR) was founded in 1985, with its headquarters in Cairo, Egypt. It has a national membership of 2,300 and has 17 provincial branches located throughout Egypt.

Aims and purposes of the organization

EOHR adopts peaceful methods to promote and defend human rights. It acts against both governmental and non-governmental human rights violations and works under the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

EOHR sends fact-finding missions, including to prisons, to collect testimonies and document human rights violations. It issues urgent appeals, press releases, reports, and publications on human rights violations. It promotes human rights awareness among individuals and groups through publications, conferences, seminars and studies. It cooperates with Egyptian governmental and non-governmental bodies and institutions, as well as international, regional, and national organizations to take action to respect and enhance human rights.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

EOHR sent a complaint to the Committee against Torture (CAT) about cases of torture in Egypt in 2013.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

15. Engender

Special, 1998

Introduction

Engender is a feminist NGO based in Scotland that works to advance women's economic, social, cultural, and political equality with men.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Engender works to advance the awareness of the general public, public bodies, and private sector of the relative position of women and men in Scotland and the obligations and opportunities in national and international human rights instruments; promote the equality of women and men across Scotland; promote women's participation in decision making and public life; and generate better understanding of, and response to, poverty among women and their families, and of men's violence against women.

Significant changes in the organization

Engender's constitution has been amended.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Engender was engaged with:

- the work of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), including developing and submitting statements, raising awareness of the Beijing Platform for Action, and campaigning for its full implementation;
- the Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Committee's examination of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, including engaging with the Rapporteur and developing a short film to explain CEDAW to women and policymakers entitled "CEDAW: the Superhero You've Never Heard Of"; and
- the annual General Assembly dialogue on the Responsibility to Protect, at the United Nations General Assembly, 2013; and
- the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland's Universal Periodic Review (UPR) by submitting a shadow report.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Engender attended the following meetings:

- 55th, 56th, and 57th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), New York, 2010, 2012, and 2013;
- Universal Periodic Review (UPR) pre-hearing NGO session, and delivered a statement, Geneva, Switzerland, 2 May 2012;
- CEDAW pre-session working group and delivered a statement, Geneva, October 2012; and
- CEDAW examination of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and met with Committee members on 16 July 2013, delivered a statement on 17 July, and met with the Rapporteur on 17 July in Geneva.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Engender's film on the CEDAW was screened in New York in July 2012 at a reception to mark the 30th anniversary of CEDAW.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

All of Engender's work aligns with MDG 3.